

**California Department of Mental Health  
MHSA State Interagency Partners' Meeting Highlights  
Monday, January 31, 2011  
Host: California Department of Aging**

**Attendees**

Michael Roosevelt, Karen Moen  
Christy Berger  
Besty Sheldon  
Ed Long, Lin Benjamin, Barbara Reese  
Steve Perez, Jim Alford, Monica Nepomuceno,  
David Kopperud, Barbara Pomerantz, Michelle  
Hendricks  
Ted Puntillo  
Darc Keller  
Peggy Fish  
Kevin Furey, Darien DeLu  
Emily Woolford, Renée Carnes  
Lois Williams, John Igwe  
Inna Tysoe, Sandra Black, Claire Sallee, Cielo  
Avalos, Jamilah Bridges, Sean Tracy, Theresa  
Ly, Debbie Manas, Semyra Hines, Cheri  
Johnson, Zoey Todd, Antoinette Ramirez  
Cheryl Adams  
Caroline Caton  
Sarah Swaney, Juanita Vaca,  
Andre Hayes, Linda Onstad-Adkins

**Agencies**

Administrative Office of the Courts  
Board of Behavioral Sciences  
California Community Colleges  
California Department of Aging  
California Department of Education  
  
California Department of Veterans Affairs  
California National Guard  
California State Library  
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Department of Developmental Services  
Department of Health Care Services  
Department Mental Health  
  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Department of Social Services  
Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board  
Office of Statewide Health planning and  
Development

**1. Welcome & Introductions:**

Sean welcomed everyone and thanked the California Department of Aging (CDA) for hosting the meeting. He noted that the focus on today's presentation is on older adult issues and how agencies address the mental health needs of older adults.

Sean introduced Laura Connelly, Acting Director and Chief Deputy Director at CDA. Sean encouraged continued support of interdepartmental activities, as crucial to address services for older adults and their families.

**2. Presentations and Discussions:**

CDA presentation by Ed Long (Deputy Director): overview of CDA mission and services for older adults with mental health needs.

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Office of Multicultural Services (OMS)  
Presentation by Autumn Valerio, Staff Mental Health Specialist about services of OMS and the strategic planning initiative to reduce disparities.

**3. Discussion and Study Question for MHSA MOU State Departments:**

How do the Partnering Departments' MHSA MOU activities support older adult mental health?

The Department of Health Care Services: CalMEND program has 2 pilot projects underway:

1. The Los Angeles Collaborative has four mental health providers working to increase efficiency and effectiveness of services for adults with severe mental illness, including promoting resiliency and recovery; while all serve older adults, one specifically targets them.
2. CPCI (CalMEND Pilot on Collaborative on Integration) is a pilot project in six counties providing integration of MH and primary care services to adults and older adults (one of the six specifically targets older adults).

Department of Developmental Services: Supports a Senior Companion Program that provides companionship, instruction and assistance to older adults to remaining mentally and physically active.

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO): All campuses have a Disabled Students Program, which helps older adult disabled students, including those with mental illness, get assistance and special accommodations for school-related activities.

Board of Behavioral Sciences: All licensed candidates/students must complete coursework in older adult care issues prior to receiving licensure. Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) receive training in assessing the mental health condition of older adults and reporting elder abuse.

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development - Health Profession and Education Foundation OSHPD - HPEF): The Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP) encourages mental health service providers to work in underserved areas, which may include older adults. MHLAP applications have reflected a rise in graduates who want to provide geriatric care.

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC): The AOC is creating a geriatric guide for judicial officers including information about common conditions found in older adult populations and common medications used. They are also convening a Regional Courts Roundtable conference on elder abuse in 2011.

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD): reported that there is \$5.2 million federal funding available to address newly designated mental health professional shortages, including those serving seniors.

#### **4. MHSA Business:**

The draft MHSA MOU Evaluation tool was distributed by DMH

- The purpose of the evaluation is for DMH and the partnering departments to identify strengths and areas that could be improved;
- Partnering departments should speak with their DMH liaisons regarding the evaluation tool;
- This tool is currently not expected to be released to external organizations;
- Partnering departments should review the Evaluation Tool and discuss with liaisons their thoughts and submit comments by the end of February 2011 to DMH liaisons.

MHSA MOU draft Revised Workplan and Progress Report were distributed by DMH. These were revised following requests by partners for a simpler workplan and reporting format.

- Partnering departments should review the draft report designs and connect with liaisons their thoughts and submit comments by end of February to liaisons;
- CCCCCO recommended that DMH provide partners with definitions of terms used in the progress report and the workplan.

The 2011-12 MHSA Legislative Report is posted on DMH webpage, under Prop 63. Debbie Manas of DMH will send out the link to State Partners.

#### **5. The Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be hosted by Alcohol and Drug Programs, 1700 K Street, Sacramento.

#### **6. Meeting Adjourned**

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